

**15586. Misbranding of Double O medicine. U. S. v. 32 Large Size and 30 Small Size Packages of Double O. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22336. I. S. Nos. 17288-x, 17289-x. S. No. 376.)**

On December 29, 1927, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 32 large-size packages and 30 small-size packages of Double O medicine, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Red Star Laboratories Co., from Chicago, Ill., in part on or about September 3, 1927, and in part on or about December 5, 1927, and had been transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Washington and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of resins (such as those from buchu and copaiba), extracts of vegetable drugs, volatile oils, sugar, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effect of the article, (circulars) "Can't beat the Double O for cure. Every case absolutely cured that took it according to directions. \* \* \* Parties buying Double O get results. \* \* \* Good for the poor devil. \* \* \* the medicine which is now known and acknowledged the best, the safest, and the most satisfactory in every respect. \* \* \* Our duty to You—To supply you with the best which experience and scientific knowledge can produce. Your duty to yourself—To regain your former status of health. \* \* \* To secure satisfactory results it is absolutely necessary to continue the treatment without interruption. Stopping for a day or two may set the patient back to a former condition. It is advisable, even after it appears that everything is in order, to continue taking the medicine for a week or 10 days longer \* \* \* Chronic Cases: The Double O medicine contains particularly effective ingredients for old neglected cases \* \* \* It may take 3 or 4 bottles before satisfactory results are apparent. Safety: The medicine may be used with perfect confidence," (on retail carton) "An absolutely safe internal medicine," were false and fraudulent, since the said article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On January 17, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**15587. Misbranding of Lifo herb medicine. U. S. v. 69 Bottles, et al., of Lifo Herb Medicine. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 22345, 22346, 22347. I. S. No. 21242-x. S. Nos. 383, 384, 385.)**

On January 3, 1928, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 11¼ dozen bottles of Lifo herb medicine, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Lifo Medicine Co., from Philadelphia, Pa., in various consignments on or about June 23, October 17, and November 22, 1927, respectively, and had been transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of bitter and laxative plant drug extracts, salicylic acid, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was misbranded, in that the packages failed to bear a statement on the label of the quantity of alcohol contained therein.

Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle label) "Lifo \* \* \* For Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels;" (carton) "Liver and Nerve Tonic Intended to Cleanse the System Producing New Life and Vitality to a Weak and Run Down system \* \* \* New Vigor and Vitality \* \* \* An aid in the treatment of Rheumatism, Lumbago, and all disorders caused by uric

acid \* \* \* Effective Treatment For Diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. A Grand System Cleanser and Nerve Tonic \* \* \* Aid Nature in Rebuilding Weak, Overworked and Run Down Systems;" (circular) "For Stomach, Liver, Kidneys & Bowels Lifo is a Medicine especially prepared to reach the cause of our ills and assist Nature in restoring our greatest gift—Health. Lifo is a scientific treatment for the purification, strengthening, and upbuilding of the entire system. It is prepared to assist Nature in removing the health destroying poisons that so frequently accumulate in various parts of our body, and which are the direct cause of so much sickness, and in their stead supply the strong, vigorous vitality that is the first prime necessity in perfect health. Lifo is produced from a proper combination of herbs and vegetables that Nature provides for our ills and they are so intelligently combined and administered that they never fail to give the most pleasing and satisfactory results. \* \* \* a medicine that reaches the cause of over ninety percent of our complaints \* \* \* Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Pains in the Back, or Side, Eczema, Etc. \* \* \* it may be used with as much confidence for diseases and disorders of childhood, as in the ailments of the strongest and most robust, or the aged and infirm patient. Founded as it is on the principle of assisting Nature to perform her perfect work, it may be used with the utmost confidence in all cases requiring the purification of the blood and cleansing of the system. In severe cases of the above mentioned complaints, a good warm bath three times a week will greatly aid in the beneficial action of the treatment. You will find Lifo the greatest family medicine in existence, it has no equal, in arousing the Liver and aiding the digestion and assimilation. One dose will prove the value of the Tonic for sour stomach and constipation \* \* \*. It has been estimated that over ninety percent of all diseases originate in the digestive organs and can be traced to constipation. No One Need Suffer From Indigestion or Constipation. Lifo takes the place of the coarse elements of the food. It cleanses the walls of the stomach and intestines. It keeps those impurities from entering the blood stream, it maintains health and a sweet breath, and it gives a buoyancy and vitality, the full pleasure of which you have never known. It must be remembered that Lifo \* \* \* is positive in its action, startling in the results it immediately gives, and stands alone as a system purifier and body builder."

On February 23, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**15588. Adulteration of tincture opium, tincture nux vomica, and tincture cinchona.** U. S. v. St. Louis Physicians' Supply Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$150. (F. & D. No. 21582. I. S. Nos. 12367-x, 12368-x, 12369-x.)

On June 8, 1927, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the St. Louis Physicians' Supply Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about April 30, 1926, from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, of quantities of tincture opium, tincture nux vomica, and tincture cinchona, which were adulterated. The articles were labeled in part, variously: "Tincture Opium, U. S. P. (Laudanum). Each fluid ounce contains approximately 48 grs. Powd. Opium. \* \* \* St. Louis Physicians' Supply Co. St. Louis, Mo.;" "Tincture Nux Vomica U. S. P. One hundred mls of Tincture Nux Vomica yields not less than 0.237 gms. nor more than 0.263 gms. of the alkaloids of Nux Vomica. \* \* \* Manufactured By St. Louis Physicians' Supply Co., St. Louis, Mo.;" "Tinct. Cinchona St. Louis Physicians' Supply Co., St. Louis, Mo."

It was alleged in the information that the articles were adulterated, in that they were sold under and by names recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in said pharmacopoeia official at the time of investigation, in that the tincture opium yielded less than 0.95 gram of anhydrous morphine per 100 cubic centimeters, to wit, not more than 0.72 gram of anhydrous morphine per 100 cubic centimeters, whereas said pharmacopoeia provided that tincture of opium should yield not less than 0.95 gram of anhydrous morphine per 100 cubic centimeters; the tincture nux vomica yielded less than 0.237 gram of the alkaloids of nux vomica per 100 mls, to wit, not